

William James ARCHBOLD



Pre-enlistment:

- William was born on 3rd January 1899 to parents James and Mary ARCHBOLD. They lived at Newbury Junction, Mackay, Qld, where he resided until enlistment
- He was educated at Mackay High School, Queensland
- His occupation was that of a farmer

Military Records

- Service Number 3257
- William enlisted on 21 February 1916, in Rockhampton, as a Private, in 52nd Battalion 8th Reinforcement
- He embarked with his Unit from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A64 Demosthenes on 23 December 1916
- Private William James ARCHBOLD died on 26 May 1918 at Villers-Bretonneux, Belgium aged 19 years. That day he was involved with his Unit, the 41st Infantry Battalion, on a "Peaceful Penetration - Low-Cost, High-Gain Tactics on the Western Front"

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Adelaide Cemetery (Plot III, Row C, Grave No. 13), Villers-Bretonneux, France
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 133
- 41st Battalion Roll of Honour
- Mackay Cenotaph
- Mackay Old Town Hall Honour Roll
- Marian Roll of Honour
- Walkerston Pioneer War Memorial Hall Honour Roll 1914-1918

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

The personal inscription on his headstone reads:
Blessed are the Dead who Die in the Lord

Rifle Shooting

- William Archbold was a member of Marian Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3034757
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- awm.gov.au/collection/R1727701
- vwma.org.au/explore/people/69069
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